

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
April 9th, 2018
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt

Councilmember Judy Taylor Foster

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Travis Ferguson

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

Police Chief Gray Couch

NOT PRESENT:

City Attorney Nathan Lee

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Travis Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Judy Foster. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the minutes of the March 12th regular council meeting. Vote was 4 ayes with Travis Ferguson abstaining.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Burt to approve the March 2018 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to appoint Randy Nesmith to the Manchester Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Herman Ward. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to adopt the Municipal Clerk's Week Proclamation. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Prior to the regular council meeting, a public hearing was held for the rezoning of properties located at 1004 Warm Springs Hwy (Application #1) and 105 4th St (Application #2). Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Judy Foster to approve Application #1. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes. Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve Application #2 with the condition of some type of border/buffer to screen the use of the property. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

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Mayor Brening gave the council a brief update pertaining to events occurring in Manchester. He recognized the recent grand openings of new businesses in town. He welcomed the Posh Swan Nail Salon located at 102 Second Avenue along with Martin's Car Wash which is located next to the salon. He also welcomed Manchester Family Medicine.

He stated that Tuesday April 10th marked the opening of the recreation department's baseball season. He noted there were over 400 children participating in baseball and softball as well as approximately 200 more participating in T-ball.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson stated that a citizen had talked with him regarding a tractor trailer that was being parked at a location where it was blocking the road. He requested that the City Manager check into this matter. Mayor Brening and other councilmembers remarked on various locations throughout the city where tractor trailers were being improperly parked. Mayor Brening asked the City Manager to check into an ordinance for parking tractor trailers.

Councilmember Bruce Burt asked the City Manager to inquire of the GA DOT about restriping on Broad St. City Manager Doug Westberry responded that an inquiry had been made and the DOT had plans to restripe after repaving in the area had been completed.

City Manager Doug Westberry updated the council with the upcoming sale of the city's gas system. He stated that the closing was still tentatively scheduled for the end of May. He also noted that Liberty Utility had requested use of the Community Room on May 3rd for a community meeting to begin informing citizens of the change.

An additional update was given on the progress of NextSite 360. He apprised the council that several business contacts had been made on the City's behalf and progress was ongoing.

Police Chief Gray Couch presented the Mayor and Council with the department's monthly statistics for March. He also informed them of upcoming service training to be held at the gun range Thursday April 12th and Thursday April 19th from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. He extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend.

Motion made at 5:55 p.m. by Bruce Burt and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to adjourn. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening